GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:377
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IMPORT OF SILK YARN AND SILK PRODUCTS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of silk yarn and other silk products imported during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) whether there is a demand to impose ban on such imports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 377 for 22/3/2001.

(a) The figures as available on total quantity of silk yarn and other silk products imported during the last three years and during the current year are given below:

Qty. in tonns

Year	Imports of			
	Raw Silk	Silk Yarn Dupion	Spun Silk Yarn	Noil Yarn
1997-98	2346	373	31	161
1998-99(P)	2824	492	19	26
1999-2000(P)	6936	768	26	39
2000-2001(P)	3266 (April-Nov.)	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available

Source: DGCIS, Calcutta

(b) & (c) Representations have been received not to permit import of silk except under Duty Exemption Scheme (DES). Due to non-availability of adequate quantity of superior quality silk in the country, raw silk import is permitted under DES with export obligation, and under Special Import Licence (SIL) with the condition that CIF value of the surrendered SIL is five times the value of imported items. As imports help, not only in meeting requirements of quality silk not indigenously available, but also in filling the demand-supply gap, there has been no negative impact on the domestic sericulture sector.